WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1   1. A method comprising:

2   receiving a boot image from a server via a network;

3   creating a compressed boot image from the boot image; and

4   programming the compressed boot image into a boot ROM of a network adapter.

1   2. The method of claim 1, further comprising:

2   programing a loader into the boot ROM.

1   3. The method of claim 1, further comprising:

2   programming a decompressor into the boot ROM.

1   4. The method of claim 2, further comprising:

2   programming a header into the boot ROM.

1   5. The method of claim 4, wherein the programming further comprises:

2   identifying in the header that the boot image is compressed.

1   6. The method of claim 4, further comprising:

2   identifying in the header a location of the loader in the boot ROM.

1   7. A method comprising:

2   detecting a boot ROM in a network adapter;

3   finding a loader in the boot ROM;

4   loading a decompressor via the loader; and

5   decompressing a boot image from the boot ROM into a decompressed boot image

6   via the decompressor.

1   8. The method of claim 7, wherein finding the loader further comprises:

2   finding the loader via a header in the boot ROM.

1   9. The method of claim 7, wherein loading the decompressor further comprises:

2   finding the decompressor via a header in the boot ROM.

1   10. The method of claim 7, further comprising:

2   determining that the boot image is compressed using a header in the boot ROM.

1   11. The method of claim 7, further comprising:

2   finding the boot image using a header in the boot ROM.

1   12. The method of claim 7, further comprising:

2   executing the decompressed boot image to boot an electronic device.

1   13. A signal-bearing medium bearing instructions, which when read and executed

2   comprise:

3   detecting a boot ROM in a network adapter;

4   finding a loader via a header in the boot ROM;

5   finding a decompressor via the header;

6   finding a first binary image via the header; and

7   decompressing the first binary image into an second binary image in memory of

8   an electronic device.

1   14. The signal-bearing medium of claim 13, wherein the instructions further comprise:

2   executing the second binary image to boot the electronic device.

1   15. The signal-bearing medium of claim 13, wherein the instructions further comprise:

2   loading the decompressor via the loader.

1   16. The signal-bearing medium of claim 13, wherein the instructions further comprise

2   determining that the first binary image is compressed via the header.

1   17. A network adapter comprising:

2   a boot ROM including:

3   a boot image;

4   a decompressor to decompress the boot image;

5   a loader to load the decompressor; and

6   a header to indicate a location of the boot image.

1   18. The network adapter of claim 17 wherein the header is further to indicate a location of

2   the loader.

1   19. The network adapter of claim 17, wherein the header is further to indicate a location

2   of the decompressor.

1   20. The network adapter of claim 17, wherein the boot image when decompressed is to

2   boot an electronic device.

1   21. An electronic device comprising:

2   a processor;

3   a network adapter comprising a boot ROM; and

4   a storage device comprising a utility program that when executed on the processor

5   is to compress a boot image into a compressed boot image and program the compressed

6   boot image into the boot ROM.

1   22. The electronic device of claim 21, wherein the utility program is further to program a

2   loader and decompressor into the boot ROM.

1   23. The electronic device of claim 21, wherein the boot image is further to boot an

2   electronic device.

1   24. The electronic device of claim 21 further comprising:

2   a BIOS to detect the boot ROM.